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Tender

The Growth Company ITT for the Provision of External Audit and Corporation Tax Services

Manchester Investment & Development Agency Service Limited

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Contracting Authority and Other Organisation Company Names were included in the incorrect positions and amended.

Scope

Reference

GC25 - 015

Description

The Growth Company Group (GC) are tendering to appoint a high quality, independent provider of External Audit and Corporation Tax Services.

The contract requirements include, statutory audit and ad hoc advisory work, together with the preparation of corporation tax computations and returns, iXBRL filing and ad hoc corporation tax advisory work. Further details of the specification, requirements and tender objectives are available within the tender documentation.

The successful provider will be contracted for an initial 5 year period, with the option to extend for a further 5 years, subject to performance.

GC invites bidders to submit a Procurement Specific Questionnaire and a Participation Questionnaire to participate in this tender opportunity. Responses to this participation process will be used as the first step to select suppliers to participate in a full competitive tender process, which will be undertaken in stages.

The participation stage requires potential suppliers to meet conditions of participation. Suppliers must satisfy these conditions if they are to be awarded the contract. Elements of the participation response will be evaluated and scored against objective criteria in order to reduce the number of suppliers proceeding to the next stage.

To apply for this tender opportunity, please register as a supplier on the Panacea Supplier Platform at the following web address: <https://app.panacea-software.com/growth>

Once you have accessed the site, to view the opportunity you need to navigate to 'Register Interest', click the 'Participate' Button, then navigate to 'My Questionnaires' where you will be able to download the documents and complete the online Procurement Specific Questionnaire. Your submission must be made on the Panacea Portal. Please ensure ALL the relevant documents are included within the 'Response' section of the Questionnaire. You can add these individually or utilise a Zip folder to submit your response. Once uploaded, this will allow you to 'Submit' your bid.

The document pack contains instructions and information for your tender, including specification of requirements, and the key assessment and evaluation criteria that will be used to assess responses.

The deadline for submission of the required documents is at 16:00pm on Tuesday 27th May 2025.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,300,000 excluding VAT
- £5,160,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2031
- Possible extension to 1 April 2036
- 10 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The successful provider will be contracted for an initial 5 year period, with the option to extend for a further 5 years, subject to performance.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79222000 - Tax-return preparation services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services
- 79212500 - Accounting review services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 May 2025, 6:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

27 May 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://app.panacea-software.com/growth>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

19 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	60%
Price	Price	20%
Social Value	Quality	20%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Stage 1) Participation Stage incorporating a down-selection stage.

The 5 highest scoring suppliers will be invited to the next stage.

Stage 2) Invitation to Tender incorporating a down-selection stage.

Stage 3) Presentation.

Where deemed necessary, we may include a further final tender stage.

Please refer to the document pack for full details.

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

The Growth Company

Summary of their role in this procurement: Undertaking the Procurement on behalf of itself and Manchester Investment & Development Agency Service Limited

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Contact [The Growth Company](#) for any enquiries.